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TIMBER OUTPUT DROPS IN SECOND HALF OF 1949

LOGGING OUTPUT DIPS -- Trud, No 220, 17 Sep 49

Logging operations in the USSR during the first 8 months of 1949 have been disappointing. The first-quarter plan was not fulfilled; during the second quarter, as well as during July and August, results were still worse.

Use of mechanical equipment continues to be inefficient. At the Molotov-bumles Trust (Poletayev, director), for example, the parts are scattered when trucks and tractors are disassembled. When a driver requires a replacement part, he removes it from a serviceable machine.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION BOGS DOWN -- *Leninskoye Znamya*, No 184, 17 Sep 49

Construction of logging roads is proceeding unsatisfactorily in the Karelo-Finnish SSR. Sevskareles Trust has fulfilled only 50 percent of its plan, Medvezh'-yegorles Trust 40 percent, and Yuzhkareles Trust 43 percent. The responsibility for the poor results lies with the supervisory trusts, since they do not give the timber managements and logging points practical aid.

MAINTENANCE IS POOR -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 175, 3 Sep 49

In 1948, timber felling with electric saws increased 64.6 percent and mechanization of timber transport increased 61.7 percent over 1947 in the timber management of the Belorussian SSR.

Only 42.7 percent of the republic third-quarter plan for timber transport by truck was fulfilled, and only 45.1 percent by narrow-gauge railroad.

The republic timber ministry and the timber trusts are failing to give serious attention to maintenance. The machines are not serviced frequently enough, and when they are serviced the quality of the work is such that they can be used only for a short time before requiring maintenance work again.

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LOGGERS GET NEW HOMES - Pravda, No 269, 26 Sep 49

Two years ago, there were only several barracks at the Tsentral'naya Khaza Timber Center of Ziminskiy Timber Management. Now, a well-planned settlement of 100 houses has risen there. The settlement also includes a 7-year school, a club, an electric power plant, and other buildings. All quarters are electrified and equipped with radio.

More than 10 electrified and radio-equipped settlements have been built within the Tal'tsinskiy, Cheremkhovo, Irkutsk, Bolsherechenskiy, and Voznesensk timber managements.

Within the Vostsibles Trust, about 30,000 square meters of living space have been built during the past 2 years.

INTRODUCE MECHANIZED METHODS -- Leninskoye Znaniye, No 184, 17 Sep 49

Skyline skidding has been introduced at the Brodovskiy Timber Center in Molotov Oblast. Four workers perform the operation and skidding production has increased twofold.

Felling has been completely mechanized at the Chernoporozhskiy Logging Point of Rugozero Vetka (railroad siding) Timber Management.

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